

REMARKS

Except as specifically discussed below, Applicants are amending the claims to more clearly claim the invention of the present application.

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Claim 84 for an informality therein. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled this claim without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this objection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also has the following rejections under 35 USC §103:

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20-23, 25-27, 29-32, 34, 67, 68, 76 and 77

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20-23, 25-27, 29-32, 34, 67, 68, 76 and 77 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. (US 6,671,025) in view of Fujikawa (US 6,002,463). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25-27, 29-32, 34, 67 and 68 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants are also amending independent Claims 21 and 76 to recite a gate electrode formed on a first insulating film, and overlapping a channel

formation region; a source wiring formed on the first insulating film; a second insulating film covering at least the gate electrode and the source wiring; and a gate wiring formed over the second insulating film, and connected to the gate electrode. Applicants believe that these features are shown, for example, in Figs. 9 and 10 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ikeda nor Fujikawa disclose or suggest these claimed features. Accordingly, independent Claims 21 and 76 and those claims dependent thereon are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references but are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 12, 19, 24, 28, 33 and 71

Claims 7, 12, 19, 24, 28, 33 and 71 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda in view of Fujikawa and further in view of Ogawa et al. (US 5,373,377). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Claim 24 is a dependent claim. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated herein for the independent claims, Claim 24 is also patentable over the cited references. The other claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to advance the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 43-48, 75 and 84

The Examiner also rejects Claims 43-48, 75 and 84 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. in view of Fujikawa and further in view of Ukai et al. (US 5,576,858). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 49, 50 and 55

The Examiner also rejects Claims 49, 50 and 55 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. in view of Fujikawa and further in view of Kaneko et al. (US 5,637,380). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 53

The Examiner also rejects Claim 53 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. in view of Fujikawa in view of Kaneko et al. and further in view of Ogawa et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling this claim without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 57

The Examiner also rejects Claim 57 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. in view of Fujikawa, in view of Kaneko et al. and further in view of Ukai et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling this claim without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 58-60 and 62-65

The Examiner also rejects Claim 58-60 and 62-65 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujioka et al. (US 6,552,764) in view of Ichikawa et al. (US 6,339,459). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 66

The Examiner also rejects Claim 66 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujioka in view of Ichikawa et al. in view of Ukai et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling this claim without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 58-61

The Examiner also rejects Claim 58-61 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizu (JP 10-073813) in view of Ichikawa. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new dependent Claims 85-90 herewith. Each of these claims is patentable for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

If any fee should be due for these new claims, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are filing an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this application.

Conclusion

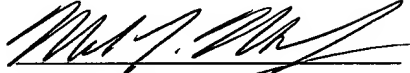
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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